UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES

v.

Airman Basic ALFREDO SANTIAGO JR. United States Air Force

ACM S30544

17 November 2005

Sentence adjudged 20 August 2003 by SPCM convened at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. Military Judge: Kevin P. Koehler (sitting alone).

Approved sentence: Bad-conduct discharge and confinement for 4 months.

Appellate Counsel for Appellant: Colonel Carlos L. McDade, Major Terry L. McElyea, and Captain David P. Bennett.

Appellate Counsel for the United States: Colonel LeEllen Coacher, Lieutenant Colonel Gary F. Spencer, Lieutenant Colonel Robert V. Combs, and Lieutenant Colonel Michael E. Savage.

Before

STONE, SMITH, and MATHEWS Appellate Military Judges

PER CURIAM:

We have examined the record of trial, the appellant's assignment of error, and the government's reply thereto. We are aware of our responsibility to evaluate post-trial processing for unreasonable delay. *United States v. Tardiff,* 57 M.J. 219, 224 (C.A.A.F. 2002). We find no such delay here. The record, taken as a whole, depicts a busy legal office that processed the appellant's case in a diligent and responsible manner.

We conclude the findings and sentence are correct in law and fact, the sentence is appropriate, and no error prejudicial to the substantial rights of the appellant occurred. Article 66(c), UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. § 866(c); *United States v. Reed*, 54 M.J. 37, 41 (C.A.A.F. 2000). Accordingly, the approved findings and sentence are

AFFIRMED.

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